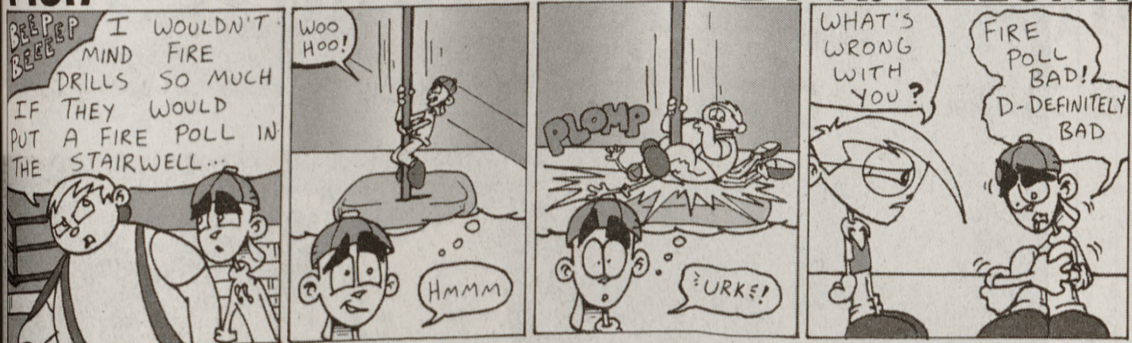


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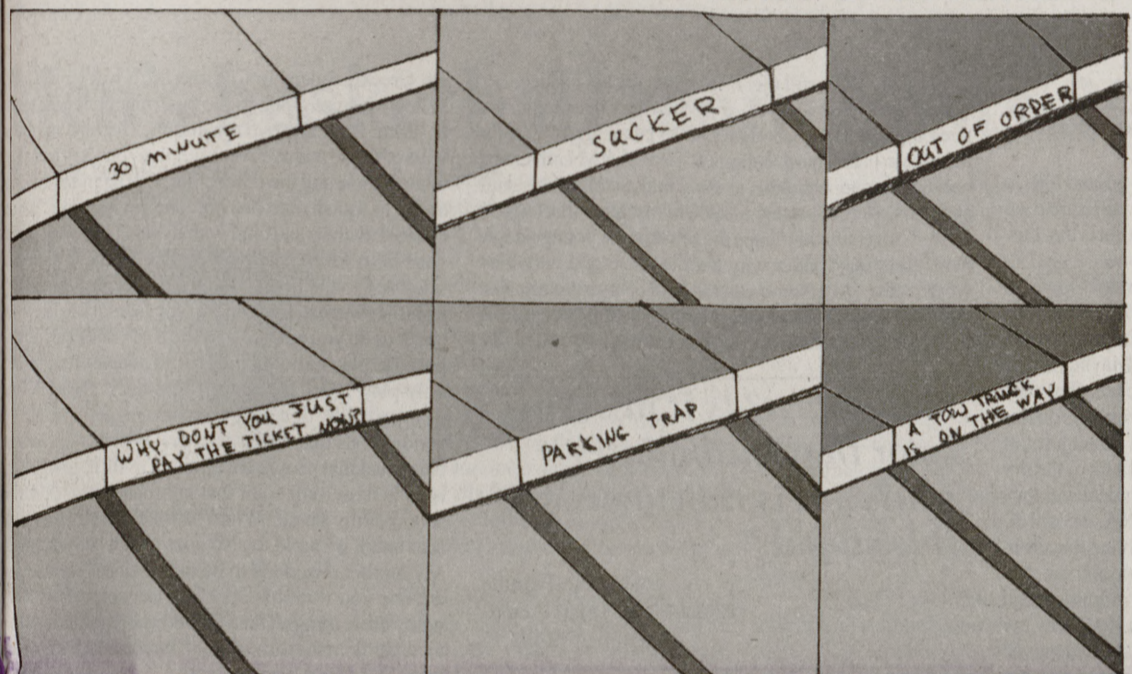
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## South Park song gets Oscar nomination

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fans of "South Park" will have a ready-made enemy to vilify if the animated film fails to win the Oscar for best song. They can blame Canada.

The movie *South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut* mocked just about all creeds, races and nationalities, but the main targets of its crude humor were Canadians.

"Blame Canada," a song in which American parents fault the nation to the north for their own potty-mouthed children, scored a victory for crudity when it received an Oscar nomination for best original song.

The movie, a solid hit with \$52 million at theaters last summer, also was the latest tongue-in-cheek jab the movie industry has taken at the speech, appearance, mannerisms and lifestyle of Canadians.

Its nomination also comes in a year when Canadian-born actors Jim Carrey and Christopher Plummer delivered acclaimed performances that were passed over by Oscar voters. Notable past film forays include

Michael Moore's comedy *Canadian Bacon*, about a faltering U.S. president who initiates a cold war with Canada, and *Strange Brew*, starring Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis as "hosers" Doug and Bob McKenzie, Canadian brothers in bulky parkas and ski hats on a perpetual search for the next beer or hockey game.

"I was definitely a Bob and Doug fan when I was a kid," said "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker, who co-wrote "Blame Canada." "That was more Canadians making fun of Canadians, though, where we're Americans making fun of Canadians, which really sort of ticks people off more."

"Canadians are just so defensive. That's what makes them so fun to make fun of."

In the movie, children begin spewing profanity after sneaking in to see an obscenity-laden movie by Canadian comics Terrance and Phillip. Enraged parents whip up anti-Canadian sentiment, Terrance and Phillip are sentenced to death and bloody war breaks out. The American parents sing: "No! Blame Canada, Blame Canada!"

With all their beady little eyes and flapping heads so full of lies."

"It sums up one of the basic points of the movie, which is people blaming everyone but themselves for the raising of their children," said "Blame Canada" co-writer Marc Shaiman.

Canadians are drawn with beady eyes and flapping heads. The Canadian ambassador is scorned by other diplomats when he pronounces "about" as "aboot." Canadians living in the United States are herded into camps, and Army recruitment is aided by the slogan "Kill some Canadian scum."

Lytte Dore of the National Film Board of Canada said Canadians took it all in stride.

"We kind of smiled and took it with a bit of a chuckle," Dore said. "It was clear from reading the words of the song that it's done in jest."

If Canadians are at all bothered by this year's Oscars, it's because *The Hurricane* by Canadian director Norman Jewison fared poorly, Dore said.

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